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ABSTRACT

Majority of IT labs in today's academic institutions face operational issues in the management of multiple systems simultaneously. The best example would be when a particular software needs to be installed in the labs, it becomes a tedious and time consuming process for the lab assistant to manually install the software in each and every system in the lab.

Also in some cases where the students forget to shutdown their respective computers, it becomes the responsibility of the lab assistant to shutdown the PCs manually. These challenges cause lack of access control and inadequate security. Moreover, there is lot of work pressure which leads to sub-optimal work schedules. To keep track of access records of the systems, we would also be designing a web-based GUI which records and displays the access information of PCs too.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

- In current university labs most of the administrative tasks are done manually which consumes lot of time and efforts. With the help of ansible framework and a proper supporting GUI, we can unleash and maximize the full potential of the servers and many of the current lab administrative problems can be resolved easily.
- The major drawback of the existing environments in the university labs is that its completely restricted within the scope of the lab instructors. Our architecture aims in automated installation and management of software packages.
- Ansible is originally only a command-line interface tool and thus it lacks an elegant user interface. Only a well versed user will be able to operate on a command line tool, which means a layman user will find it difficult to operate and run operational tasks effectively.

INTRODUCTION

- As we are using a free and open-source platform for our purpose, many labs can be automated using the same architecture at a very feasible price.
- Ansible provides the automation of IT infrastructure which includes – creation of virtualmachine, installation of new softwares, Docker containers
- We can configure our own cluster and make it up and running without any sort of human intervention. Ansible does its work like a professional if customized with proper facts and experience.
- Ansible works over SSH ensure that the target Machine or Server is accessible over SSH. It supports all type of SSH authentication.

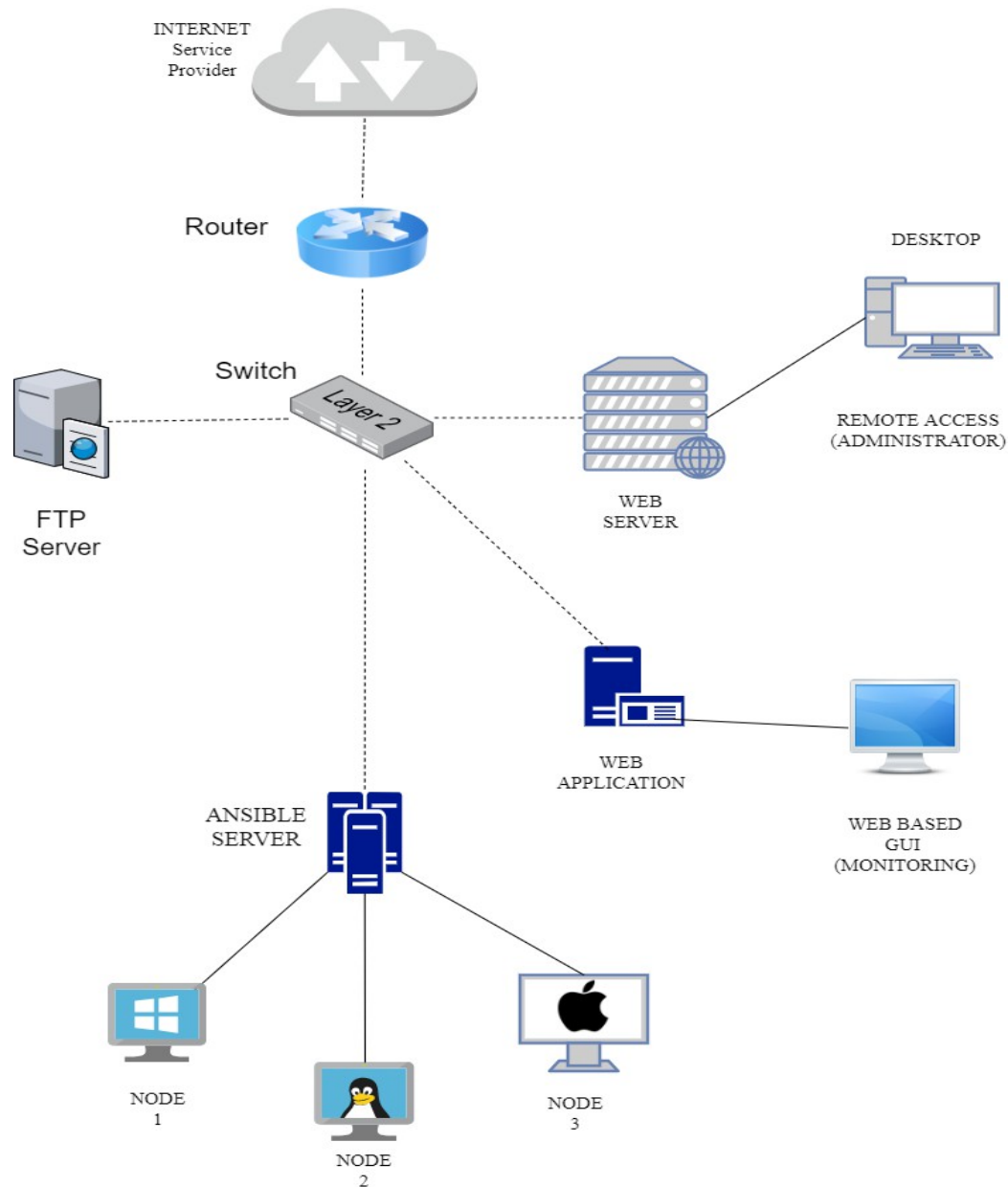
LITERATURE SURVEY

| Sr No. | 1 |
|------------------------------|---|
| Title/Author | M. Balliauw and X. Decoster, “Automated Delivery,” in Pro NuGet, pp. 179–214, Springer, 2013 |
| Method used | Automation using Network interface and scripting |
| Advantage | Effective Package Management |
| Disadvantage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ High Bandwidth Consumption➤ Client-Server node Failure leads to catastrophic issues. |
| Extracted Methodology | Dependency Management |

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| Sr No. | 2 |
| Title/Author | D. Palma and T. Spatzier "Topology and orchestration specification for cloud applications (TOSCA)," 2015 |
| Method used | Management using Cloud Computing With cloud based applications. |
| Advantage | Does not mandate the use of any specific security mechanism or technology |
| Disadvantage | Expensive Infrastructure and maintenance for small Areas. |
| Extracted Methodology | Security considerations |






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| Sr No. | 3 |
| Title/Author | Pavel MasekMartin ŠtůsekJan Krejčí "Unleashing Full Potential of Ansible Framework: University Labs Administration " 2018 |
| Method used | Ansible Framework |
| Advantage | Supports a variety of frameworks |
| Disadvantage | Limited to the capabilities of the Ansible framework |
| Extracted Methodology | Effective usage of Playbook in remote management |

PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE



IMPLEMENTATION

- Sample playbook for installing the essential set of tools for networking in a college Lab infrastructure

```
Open ▾  *networkingtools.yml /etc/ansible/yamlnv1 Save    
1 ---
2 # Installing All Essential tools for networking for lab 313
  ( Faster Process )
3 - hosts: client1
4   become: yes
5   become_method: sudo
6   tasks:
7
8   - name: Installing all essential Networking tools
9     apt:
10       name: "{{ item }}"
11     with_items:
12       - nmap
13       - iftop
14       - vnstat
15       - iptraf
16       - hping3
17       - dstat
18       - bmon
19       - tcpdump
20     - wireshark
```

Ansible login GUI for LAB instructors

SEMAPHORE

admin

.....|

sign in

User Manager for Admins

semaphore

dashboard

users

ansible_semaphore_admin

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Users

new user

| Name | Username | Email | Alert | Admin | External |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| ansible_semaphore_admin | admin | eyankarthik31@gmail.com | true | true | false |
| Admin1 | admin1 | u.b.maity@gmail.com | true | true | false |
| admin2 | admin2 | atharv32@gmail.com | false | false | false |
| Windows User | windows_user | eyankarthik23@gmail.com | true | true | false |
| Java Lab Instructor | demo_user | eyankarthik3232@gmail.com | false | false | false |

Playbooks for different LABS

semaphore

dashboard

users

ansible_semaphore_admin

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Dashboard

Task Templates

Inventory

Environment

Key Store

Playbook Repositories

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Task Templates

| Alias | Playbook | SSH Key | Inventory | Environment | Repository | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Data Mining LAB | LAB405.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| Git Installation | git.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| Networking Lab | LAB302.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| Python LAB | LAB317.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| SDL Lab | LAB301.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| Shutdown | shutdowns.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| VMware LAB | LAB303.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |
| Wireless Networking Lab | LAB313.yml | key | ansible_semaphore_inventory | | apsitlabs | <div>hide copy run</div> |

new template

Inventory file

Edit Inventory

1 [client1]

2 ansadm@10.101.1.143

3 #[client2]

4 #ansadm@10.101.1.144

5

6 #ansible_ssh_common_args=' -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no'

7

8

cancel

save changes

SSH access keys

Update Access Key

Key Name

key

Key Type

SSH Key

Public Key

ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQCAQC
pMdwZ+ycHle9nZHNuND4MQ7E9eMKR
LjviRz+fkDAJbc0VY118K3u3sy7JLPTxw8
NxHL4LebatkHoBk9CEvgqW3hqcrl0yYjBU
YaMrlyK2N6n3yOEzqsQljPdqNAXqWawfBr
ga3sobdcMdu7KH0DvLjyMPagzd8pu+VgvL
5WtOTggBTgvUCMxv4s2WdC5nnQll+ghrsp
qrA+Dzntfz1L76DIV21CicOr2UFhiYnxGxmLi
LJ7ASPqUEi1YMjB7NN9sL8P3X9VapG5xq
v+MO/xexbRbWDhpfrO9jWVgZePzJJe4ca
Sdwf/sNBOBCM0VzPa3l9uJ/BVz55PYxB
apsitl@ansadm

Public key is optional (unless you are using SSH certificates) however you should set it so you can identify your private key by its fingerprint. Private keys are not available for reading later from the UI.

Realtime Log generation

semaphore

dashboard

users

ansible_semaphore_admin

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Project activity

10/2/20 10:17: git.yml - Task ID 49 (Git Installation) finished - SUCCESS

10/2/20 10:16: git.yml - Task ID 49 (Git Installation) is running

10/2/20 10:16: git.yml - Task ID 49 (Git Installation) finished - WAITING

10/2/20 10:16: git.yml - Task ID 49 (Git Installation) is preparing

10/2/20 10:16: git.yml - Task ID 49 queued for running

10/2/20 10:14: git.yml - Task ID 48 (Git Installation) finished - SUCCESS

10/2/20 10:13: git.yml - Task ID 48 (Git Installation) is running

10/2/20 10:13: git.yml - Task ID 48 (Git Installation) finished - WAITING

10/2/20 10:13: git.yml - Task ID 48 (Git Installation) is preparing

10/2/20 10:13: git.yml - Task ID 48 queued for running

10/2/20 10:13: git.yml - Task ID 47 (Git Installation) finished - SUCCESS

10/2/20 10:12: git.yml - Task ID 47 (Git Installation) is running

10/2/20 10:12: git.yml - Task ID 47 (Git Installation) finished - WAITING

10/2/20 10:12: git.yml - Task ID 47 (Git Installation) is preparing

10/2/20 10:12: git.yml - Task ID 47 queued for running

03/2/20 13:58: shutdowns.yml - Task ID 46 (Shutdown) finished - ERROR

03/2/20 13:58: shutdowns.yml - Task ID 46 (Shutdown) is running

03/2/20 13:58: shutdowns.yml - Task ID 46 (Shutdown) finished - WAITING

03/2/20 13:58: shutdowns.yml - Task ID 46 (Shutdown) is preparing

03/2/20 13:58: shutdowns.yml - Task ID 46 queued for running

03/2/20 10:37: git.yml - Task ID 45 (Git Installation) finished - SUCCESS

03/2/20 10:37: git.yml - Task ID 45 (Git Installation) is running

03/2/20 10:37: git.yml - Task ID 45 (Git Installation) finished - WAITING

03/2/20 10:37: git.yml - Task ID 45 (Git Installation) is preparing

Task history

Git Installation

git.yml10/2/20 10:16:570 minutesby ansible_semaphore_admin

Git Installation

git.yml10/2/20 10:13:570 minutesby ansible_semaphore_admin

Git Installation

git.yml10/2/20 10:12:570 minutesby ansible_semaphore_admin

Shutdown

shutdowns.yml03/2/20 13:58:240 minutesby ansible_semaphore_admin

Fetching from Github Repository

Repositories

create repository

| Name | Git URL | SSH Key |
|-----------|--|---------|
| apsitlabs | git@github.com:apsitlabs/ansible-1.git | |

Student Lab Utilization Record



APSIT LABS LOGIN

19204007

Batch

Lab No.

B2

317

Subject

NDL

SIGN IN

[Forgot User name / password?](#)

Centralized monitoring of lab utilization logs

UserID wise Records

| Sr No. | Username | Batch | Subject | Lab No. | Date and Time(yyyy-mm--dd hh:mm:ss) |
|--------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 18101001 | B1 | ASL | 317 | 2020-02-09 08:22:13 |
| 2 | 18101001 | B1 | AL | 303 | 2019-09-28 13:59:48 |
| 3 | 18101001 | B2 | ASL | 302 | 2019-09-22 14:19:36 |
| 4 | 18101001 | B3 | ASL | 406 | 2019-09-22 14:18:43 |
| 5 | 18101001 | B3 | ASL | 406 | 2019-09-22 14:17:22 |
| 6 | 18101001 | B2 | ASL | 303 | 2019-09-22 14:10:06 |
| 7 | 18101001 | B2 | NDL | 317 | 2019-09-22 14:07:59 |
| 8 | 18101001 | B1 | NDL | 313 | 2019-09-22 14:06:20 |
| 9 | 18101001 | B1 | NDL | 317 | 2019-09-22 14:04:53 |
| 10 | 18101001 | B2 | ISL | 405 | 2019-10-29 16:18:19 |
| 11 | 18101001 | B1 | AL | 303 | 2019-09-28 14:01:08 |
| 12 | 18101001 | B1 | AL | 303 | 2019-09-28 14:07:00 |

CONCLUSION

The main motive of our work is to create a trustworthy, efficient and real-time system for administration of IT labs in universities. Now all the administrative tasks inside the lab can be executed at a very minimal time and effort with our system. The overall purpose was to minimize the efforts and ensure rapid deliveries of the needed softwares through automation. These objectives have been checked successfully and we hope to enhance the system furthermore and increase the advancements in our system. Thus we are making an effort to implement this system in the current university labs and modernize the IT labs methodically.

FUTURE SCOPE

- **Integration of IOT** : We plan to integrate IOT interfaces in our system for controlling all the electrical appliances throughout the lab remotely.
- **Using Docker containers** for easy deployment of applications in real time
- **Enhancing the Security** : Providing real time log generation to the system administrators for moderating the student's usage during exams or placements.

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